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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR HINTON'S PRESS STATEMENT IN MADRID

1. DURING MY BREAKFAST MEETING WITH MOBUTU THIS MORNING HE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE REPORT FROM THE ZAIRIAN PRESS SERVICE STATING THAT AMBASSADOR HINTON HAD MADE A STATEMENT ON ARRIVAL IN MADRID WHICH HAD GOT INTO THE PRESS.

2. HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE STATED THAT THE CHARGES OF A PLOT AND HIS INVOLVEMENT IN IT WERE GROUNDLESS AND THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ANTI-AMERICAN WESTERN ELEMENTS. MOBUTU SAID THAT THIS WAS "VERY SERIOUS" (TRES GRAVE), BUT THEN CARRIED ON WITH THE CONVERSATION IN THE SAME FRIENDLY VEIN WHICH HAD PRECEDED.

3. IN THE EVENT HINTON'S STATEMENT CARRIED BY WIRE SERVICES IN WASHINGTON, WOULD BE HELPFUL HERE IF DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN COULD MAKE COMMENT PLACING HINTON'S STATEMENT IN APPROPRIATE CONTEXT.
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